



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

## Fiscal Note 2009 Biennium

<b>Bill #</b>	HB0202	<b>Title:</b>	Revise laws relating to public officials and lobbyists
<b>Primary Sponsor:</b>	Jopek, Mike	<b>Status:</b>	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts           | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

### FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2008 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2009 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Fund	\$126,238	\$46,575	\$0	\$0
<b>Revenue:</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Net Impact-General Fund Balance</b>	<u>(\$126,238)</u>	<u>(\$46,575)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

#### Description of Fiscal Impact:

This bill will have significant fiscal impact on Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP). There will be costs associated with the adoption of rules, issuance of advisory opinions, and addressing complaints. Section 6 of the bill appropriates \$50,000 for implementation of electronic filing but will not cover the total estimated cost for electronic filing.

### FISCAL ANALYSIS

#### Assumptions:

##### **Commissioner of Political Practices**

1. Passage of HB 202 would require COPP to adopt rules regarding electronic filing. The total estimated cost for legal expenses in FY 2008 is \$2,500. There will be continuing legal expenses, however that amount is undeterminable.
2. The COPP would use contracted services to have proposed rules formatted per ARM regulations. It is estimated that the contract would be 40 hours at a cost of \$10 per hour resulting in a cost of \$400 in FY 2008.

3. COPP has contracts with three contractors for the electronic filing project. COPP has requested a decision package in its 2009 biennium budget for assessment, design, project management, and implementation of the COPP electronic filing program. The total estimated cost is \$123,338 in FY 2008 and \$46,575 in FY 2009. The \$50,000 appropriated (in FY 2008) in Section 6 of this bill does not cover the total cost of an electronic filing expansion.

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<b><u>Fiscal Impact:</u></b>				
<b><u>Expenditures:</u></b>				
Operating Expenses	\$2,900	\$0	\$0	\$0
Equipment	<u>\$123,338</u>	<u>\$46,575</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>TOTAL Expenditures</b>	<u><u>\$126,238</u></u>	<u><u>\$46,575</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>
<b><u>Funding of Expenditures:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$126,328	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b><u>Revenues:</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b><u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u></b>				
General Fund (01)	(\$126,328)	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Technical Notes:**

1. Section 1 refers to “donations” while Section 5 used the word “contribute.”

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